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question which confronts the practitioner is the question of the selection of his forum. In view of the importance of the subject, it is to be regretted that the author of this work did not include in it a separate, full and complete discussion of Federal jurisdiction. He has, of course, discussed many subjects relating to the Federal Courts, but only in an incidental and subordinate way.

Apart from the above criticism the author is entitled to all praise for the manner in which he has performed his work. His book is a model text-book, clear, logical, concise and accurate. It is admirably printed, and a credit to both author and publisher.

A. B. WEIMER.

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A PRACTICAL MANUAL OF MENTAL MEDICINE. By DR. E. RÉGIS, formerly Chief of Clinique of Mental Diseases, Faculty of Medicine, Paris. Formerly Assistant Physicial of the Sainte-Anne Asylum. Physician of the Maison de Sante de Castel d' Andorte; Laureate of the Medico-Psychological Society and of the Faculty of Medicine of Paris. Professor of Mental Diseases, Faculty of Medicine, Bordeaux. With a Preface by M. BENJAMIN BALL, Clinical Professor of Mental Diseases, Faculty of Medicine, Paris. A work crowned by the Faculty of Medicine of Paris, Chateauvillard Prize, 1886. Second Edition. Thoroughly revised and largely re-written. Authorized translation by H. M. BANNISTER, A.M., M.D. With Introduction by the Author. Utica, N. Y.: Press of American Journal of Insanity. 1894.

This book is unique in that, so far as we know, it is the only book on the subject of insanity written by an alienist, translated by an alienist, printed and published at an insane asylum; the mechanical work being done entirely by the patients. We have read it through with much interest. Within the moderate compass of 660 pages it gives a complete, historical, pathological, clinical and practical view of the subject of insanity. The translation is an admirable one and the book is well calculated for the use of students. It is especially valua-

ble in its treatment of degeneracies of evolution, a subject which, so far as we know, is not found so well treated in any book in the English language. We cordially recommend it to the profession.

M. D. EWELL.

The Kent Law School, Chicago.

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COMMENTARIES ON THE LAW OF PERSONS AND PERSONAL PROPERTY, being an Introduction to the Study of Contracts. By THEODORE W. DWIGHT, late Professor of Law at Columbia College, New York. Edited by EDWARD F. DWIGHT, of the New York Bar. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. 1894.

This work is confined in its scope to those topics included in the learned author's lectures at Columbia Law School immediately preceding the course on contracts. The first book deals with the law of personal rights and personal relations, and chapters are devoted to citizens, aliens, infancy, and finally to corporations. The important part of the second book treats of the method of acquiring ownership.

The book, while intended primarily for students, recommends itself not only to neophytes but to the young hierophants in the temple of justice, and may well be read by those who care to refresh their memory and understanding by reviewing the fundamental principles on which the law must ever rest. While neglecting none of the masters who have preceded him, nor forgetting the judicial declarations germane to his subjects, the work is not a mere digest nor a compilation of excerpts loosely thrown together as so many text-books are, which bear the impress of being written to order. The author has stamped his individuality on his work; his plan or scheme is well defined and sustained. The subject-matter is marshalled with intelligence and in natural sequence. The style is simple and terse but interesting and attractive.

The tables and index are full and complete, and both suggestive and responsive. It is sufficient to have named the publishers to give assurance of all the superior excellences of